

**GPSA Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2010**

PRESENT: Adams, Boyd, Burnley, Estevez, Firestone, Hermes, Jain, Kanchan, Kumar, Lei, Monroe, Nagarkar, Nogueron, Richardson, Reitzel-Rivera, Salihu, Savage, Tsai, Tucker

ABSENT: Ackman, Bashir, Calloway, Hertzog, McCoy, Polansky, Salazar, Stahl

BY PROXY: Jason Davenport for Bradley, Brooke Rawson for Coplan, Kathy Kittrell for Mercer, Amber Johnston for Peters, Lillian Ostrach for Rutkowski

ATTENDING: Kelley Stewart, Tyler Barratt, Kendra Knight, Conrad Ottey, Annette Jecker, Dan Ashlock, Dr. Webber

- I. Call to Order – 3:08pm
- II. Approval of Minutes-1<sup>st</sup> Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup> Reitzel Rivera: minutes passed after amendment that Vishant Jain was present at last meeting.
- III. Amendments to the Agenda-none
- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. Ryan Polansky, Assembly President, read by Matt Savage: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Mr. Savage reported the Assembly Operations Committee met on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and approved 6 graduate student events for a funded total of \$4950.00. Also, ASASU's task to hire an elections director produced 49 applicants and 6 qualified applicants that will be interviewed in the coming weeks.
  - b. Kelley Stewart, President: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Stewart reported the Facility Fee Board approved primary project caveats such as insuring the highest certification possible in buildings, bike storage not in plan before and having public art be a goal whereby all graduate student centers will have public art displayed. Other public art projects are being discussed with graduate student Jacob Meders. Ms Stewart also said that the GPSA selection committee wants 6 graduate student volunteers and Mr. Hermes will lead the committee.
  - c. Tyler Barratt, Vice President of Internal Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Mr. Barratt also reported that the Graduate Research grant closes reviews next week and the Teacher Excellence Awards are in review. The awards are presented at the end of year. The Fall Jumpstart grant is open until November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Conrad Ottey, Vice President of External Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Mr. Ottey reported on the possible privatization of the Law School and proposed a task force be established to investigate this process as stated in the state press last Tuesday. Also, the ASA has created the 1<sup>st</sup> graduate Ad Hoc committee. Rhian Stotts invited the assembly members to come to the October 20th (7pm) Candidates Forum. She encouraged graduate students to come after the forum to meet and greet the candidates.

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- e. Kendra Knight, Vice President of Professional Development: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Knight reported on “Create Your Personal Website” workshop conducted by Andre Denham and held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. She gave many thanks to Andre for the huge success. There will be another one later in the semester (part 2). Also the travel reviewers meeting provided training for all graduate students doing service for GPSA as a travel reviewer this year. Ms. Knight announced a winter social at the Aloft Hotel is currently being planned for December. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Dave Nutt (Graduate College) and GPSA will be working on workshops for all campuses.
- V. Committee Reports
- a. ASASU Conference Committee: Hiring elections director from the top 6 applicants. Also, the committee is working on revising policy of elections guidelines for hiring practices. This will be coming soon.
- VI. External Reports
- a. Academic Senate: none
  - b. Graduate College: Dr. Allison and Dr. Brett addressed the assembly and announced the revised web pages for the Graduate College site. Also, mentioned the student friendly electronic thesis and dissertation template format. Dr. Brett, Associate Vice Provost, introduced a new academic integrity website. She cited very tough plagiarism problems at the graduate level. This website reminds students of the importance of your name, your work and your reputation. Dr. Brett encouraged students to visit the site video “Modern Tale” and asked assembly member to help get the word out. Debra Crusoe asked the members to also get the word out to visit all the graduate student centers on all 4 campuses. She encouraged the graduate students to use the Graduate College website as a tool for information and practical help.
  - c. Undergraduate Student Government: none
  - d. Arizona Students Association: Robin Nebrich, ASA intern director introduced Amy Williams, Tempe campus organizer for ASA. Ms. Williams’ office will be located at the Tempe Graduate Student Center in a GPSA office. Ms. Nebrich also mentioned encouraging students to vote in upcoming elections and that they can still register to vote by mail until Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Early polling locations will be manned on the Tempe campus at the Palo Verde West location. Lastly, ASA’s next board meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business
- a. Confirmation of Josie Burnley to the College of Nursing & Healthcare Innovation seat was 1<sup>st</sup> Savage and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reitzel Rivera- passed
  - b. Tabled confirmation of Kim Hallmark-McKellar was 1<sup>st</sup> Savage and 2<sup>nd</sup> Boyd- passed
  - c. AB #11: Frontiers in Life Science event was 1<sup>st</sup> Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> Reitzel Rivera-passed \$2000.00.

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- d. AB #12: Graduate Students in Philosophy: After discussion of matching funds and amendment to change total amount to \$1952.00 on the original bill, another amendment to table this bill to look for matching funds and move to the assembly operations committee. 1<sup>st</sup> Dulce and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hermes-motion passed. Ms. Dulce applauded the integrity and honesty of the Graduate Students in Philosophy.
- IX. AB #13: Resolution in support of saving “First Thing First” proposition 302 – 1<sup>st</sup> Hermes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reitzel Rivera asked for a “vote no” consensus of the assembly members. The Prop. 302 “no” vote would help to provide grants to graduate students for the benefit of younger children– vote passed.
- X. AB #14: Resolution opposing Arizona Proposition 107-1<sup>st</sup> Reitzel Rivera and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe asked for a “vote no” consensus of the assembly members. The discussion mentioned the proposition was unnecessary to the university system and could potentially cut programs. Another comment was that the proposition was unnecessary because it mimics language already in place. Also if a “no vote” occurs, it could prevent cutting of graduate student funding. This was demonstrated by examples where this proposition passed in other states and the cut backs were the result. A “yes vote”, however, seeks to lower discrimination. Ms Stewart thanked the EA committee for researching this proposition and Ms. Nebrich with ASA said that in a budget crisis how proposition 107 would be implemented could open the university for law suits. ASA has list of programs this would affect available for everyone. Mr. Denham mentioned that the bill said we are voting to oppose 107. Ms Stewart suggested this bill isn’t about bringing more equality to our institution, this bill is about losing cuts in university funding- vote on bill- passed
- XI. Graduate Student Forum  
Fulton Teachers College- Ms. Nogueron asked for feedback on policy in departments on number of years we can fund graduate students. (3 years). Mr. Firestone said the basic policy is 3 years for PhD students. The discussion brought attention to the variety of policies about funding graduate students within departments. Ms Stewart said she has discussed this with Dr. Rund and suggests the formation of a committee to address these concerns that can be taken to the appropriate university administration.
- XII. Announcements  
Ms. Stotts invited assembly members to come to the Governor Candidates Forum on October 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Ms Stewart announced the appointment of GPSA Assembly Member. Ed Hermes to Student Regent Committee Chair  
Mr. Ottey asked that anyone interested in more information about the privatization of the law school; contact him.
- XII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was 1<sup>st</sup> Monroe and 2<sup>nd</sup> Richardson – motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

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<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Assembly Seat</b>	<b>Amend Minutes</b>	<b>Approve Minutes</b>	<b>Confirmation of Josie Burnley</b>	<b>Table Confirmation of Journalism Member</b>	<b>AB-11</b>	<b>Amend AB-12</b>	<b>Amend AB-12</b>	<b>Table AB-12</b>	<b>AB-13</b>	<b>Extend Speaking Time for AB-14</b>	<b>AB-14</b>	<b>Extend Grad Student Forum Discussion</b>
Tsai	YiRen	Arts	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
Tucker	Ebony	Arts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	-
Richardson	Justin	At-Large	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
Kanchan	Raghav	Business	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Jain	Vishant	Business	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bradley	Jamin	Business	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
Estevez	Dulce	CLAS - H	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2
Salihu	Flurije	CLAS - H	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1
Rutkowski	Michael	CLAS - NS	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Monroe	Adam	CLAS - NS	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	-
Rivera	Hannah	CLAS - SS	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	-
Savage	Matthew	CLAS - SS	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	2
Firestone	Jonah	Education	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Nogueron	Silvia	Education	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1
Peters	Lacey	Education	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1
Nagarkar	Parth	Engineering	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kumar	Shamanth	Engineering	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lei	Nyomi	Engineering	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2
Boyd	Jeff	Engineering	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Hermes	Edward	Law	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	2
Burnley	Josepha	Nursing	1	1	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	-
Adams	Heidi	Public Programs	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	1	1	1	2	1
Mercer	Christy	Sustainability	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1